GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:333
ANSWERED ON:24.07.2001
BOMB BLAST AT JAMMU RAILWAY STATION
NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a powerful scooter blast rocked Jammu Railway Station on June 25, 2001;

(b) if so, the number of persons killed and injured therein;

(c) whether the Government have made any investigation in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the reasons for failure of security at this important railway station; and

(f) the measures taken to ensure security and safety of passengers at this railway station, particularly in view of Amarnath Yatra?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)to(d): Yes Sir: On the evening of 25.06.2001, an explosion took place near Jammu Railway Station. 46 persons, including 3 Army personnel were injured in the incident. J&K Police is investigating the Case.

(e)and(f): The Government has been adopting a comprehensive approach to curb terrorism in J&K which includes, inter alia, strengthening the border management, appropriate security force actions in the hinterland, gearing up the intelligence machinery, security measures for vital installations and for minorities and remote and scattered villages, improved technology, weapons, equipments for security forces, greater functional integration through a framework of Operations Groups and Intelligence Groups at UHQ andlower levels, etc. The security situation is regularly reviewed in the UHQ and at lower levels with a view to adopting appropriate strategies and tactics and making dynamic deployments of the security forces to counter the threats of the terrorists. Special measures are undertaken by State Government for security of Amarnath Yatra and the security at railway stations and along railway line in J&K is reviewed from time to time in meetings convened for the purpose by State Government agencies.